

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : SPRATTE et al.
Serial No. : 10/566,123
Confirm. No. : 4210
Filed : January 25, 2006
For : BALL PIVOT
Art Unit : 3679
Examiner : Joshua T. Kennedy
Dated : February 7, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

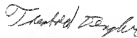
Sir:

The Office Action dated September 18, 2007 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired December 18, 2007.

Since the attached response is being filed within the second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$460.00 (fee code 1252).

Respectfully submitted
for Applicant(s),



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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.